

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APPLICATION. NO. 09/667,630
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. Q60934

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been examined on their merits.

Applicant thanks the Patent Office for indicating that claims 4-12 are allowed.

Applicant herein cancels claim 3 without prejudice and/or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

1. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tomby *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,320,857) in view of Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,724,755).

Applicant traverses the § 103(a) rejection of claims 1 and 2 for at least the reasons discussed below.

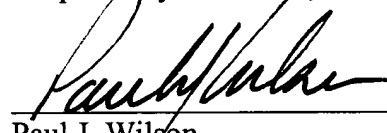
The Patent Office objects to claim 3 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant herein cancels claim 3 and incorporates all of its recitations into claim 1. Applicant submits that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, and further submits that claim 2 is allowable as well, at least by virtue of its dependency from claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office reconsider and withdraw the § 103(a) rejection of claims 1 and 2.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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